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REQUEST FOR A THREE (3) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

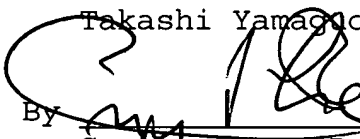
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a three (3) month extension of time in the above-identified case so as to extend the period for filing an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111(c) to expire on June 2, 2004.

Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$1808.00 to cover the fee for filing this three month extension of time and extra claim fees.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,
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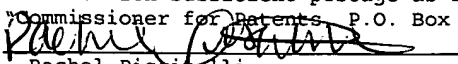
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